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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2672
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In re Application of:

Kenneth WILLS

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Examiner: T. Havan

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002 and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 32-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Fushimi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,475,598); and rejected claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 28-30, and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fushimi et al. in view of Tenmoku et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,822).

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